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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/18/03	10/11/03
BRO-FRY	164,678	165,389
LT HENS	1,268	1,376
HVY HENS	1,425	1,493

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	141	0	141
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	266	0	266
SAME WEEK YR AGO	266	4	270
TO-DATE/2003	9,628	137	9,765
TO-DATE/2002	12,718	258	12,976

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,404	1,443	2,847
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,612	1,444	3,056
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,020	1,540	3,560
TO-DATE/2003	69,944	57,682	127,626
TO-DATE/2002	84,715	57,878	142,593

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	156,092	1,263	1,443	2,706
AVG WT	5.14	3.40	8.06	5.88
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	158,247	1,346	1,444	2,790
SAME WK YR AGO	158,073	1,754	1,536	3,290
AVG WT	5.08	3.30	8.14	5.56
TO-DATE/2003	6,297,616	60,316	57,545	117,861
TO-DATE/2002	6,375,068	71,997	57,620	129,617

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158 million head or 0.6 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 04-Oct-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	17,670	18,235	35,284
Avg Weight	3.81	4.73	6.50
% of total /1	25%	26%	50%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	18,785	26,724	33,161
Avg Weight	3.60	4.56	6.04
% of total /1	24%	34%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	13,051	13,369	24,610
Avg Weight	3.86	4.54	6.29
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%
To date/2003	927,339	945,633	1,782,284
To date/2002	1,036,099	884,369	1,648,111

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING  
/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.  
(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.  
(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-03  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,848	2,869	88	10	4,815
AVG WT	15.80	34.86	23.92	26.55	27.33
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,929	2,743	78	10	4,760
SAME WK YR AGO	1,631	2,926	93	15	4,665
AVG WT	15.82	35.23	24.70	26.48	28.21
TO-DATE/2003	76,450	111,380	2,577	563	190,970
TO-DATE/2002	75,405	112,047	2,176	359	189,987

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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